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# ARMED TRIO HOLDS UP BANK

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"What do you want most for Christmas and why?" asked the Pennies photographer of five area high school students.

**Pamela Free, 113 Paseo de la Concha:**

"I would like to get clothes, sweaters and skirts especially. I am going to college next year—at Marymount, I hope—and I would like to start preparing for it now."

**Sharon Peterson, 1404 Via Gabriel:**

"I am getting a trip to Mexico, starting Dec. 20 when we get out of school for the Christmas vacation. I think that is really the best Christmas present I could get. A girl in my class has invited me to spend the holidays in Mexico with her family."

**Jill Webb, 5312 Calle de Arboles:**

"I want a jumper, new shoes, and a white jacket most of all. It is for a Christmas dance that our school is having. I would also like some sheet music for my accordion, and maybe a hairdryer."

**Jorie Cunningham, 1923 Reynosa Drive:**

"I think I would like to have a set of classical books most. I need them for my English class and would like such works as 'Moby Dick' and 'The Scarlet Letter.' I would also be able to use the books in college."

**Sharon Coulombe, 32443 Sea Raven Drive:**

"I want my brother home for Christmas. He is in the Coast Guard in Alameda, Calif. He left in October and I have not seen him since. It is getting kind of lonesome around my house."

### \$1.8 Million in Bonds Sold Here

A Bank of America underwriting syndicate has announced the purchase of \$1,870,000 in bonds from the Torrance Unified School District.

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## Petitioners Beat Attempt For Cityhood

Hopes for incorporating a 1.8 square mile area east of Torrance as the City of Carson faded into oblivion Thursday when Gordon Nesvig, clerk of the Board of Supervisors, certified protest petition as sufficient to block further proceedings.

## Four More Appear in AG Probe

Questioning of Torrance police and city officials which began Nov. 13 with a two-day interrogation of Police Chief Percy G. Bennett continued Friday when officials of the attorney general's office took statements from the 11th man to be questioned.

Four police officers, including two members of the department's vice detail, were questioned Friday by Jack Goertzen, assistant attorney general.

THOSE CALLED in for questions Friday included Lt. D. C. Cook and Officer Leo Gonzales of the vice detail, plus officers James Weyant and Daniel Murray.

Assistant Police Chief M. H. Porter and Det. Lt. Don Hamilton testified the day before.

Others who have appeared before the attorney general's staff include City Manager Wade Peebles, building department employee Harold Walsh and Jack McKinnon, and City Engineer Walter Nollac.

THE ATTORNEY general's office began the probe into city affairs after the City Council (Continued on Page 8)



**SUDDEN STOP . . .** Driver Lem West Anderson, 29, of Los Angeles, learned Thursday morning that sudden stops with this huge truck-trailer rig can lead to complications. Anderson told investigating officer Carl Van Wankum that a car suddenly stopped in front of him as he approached Del Amo Boulevard in the northbound lane on Hawthorne Avenue, forcing him to brake his vehicle sharply. It jackknifed, slammed off the road to the right, and knocked down the traffic signal post before coming to a halt. No one was injured. (Herald Photo)

## Man Vaults Counter to Get \$5,300

Three armed bandits, two of them carrying sawed-off shotguns, held employees and nearly two dozen customers at gunpoint while they scooped up and fled with a reported \$5,300 from the Security First National Bank branch at 17805 Crenshaw Blvd., Friday afternoon.

Torrance detectives investigating the robbery were told that two bandits entered the bank through the rear door and the third came in through the front door shortly before 2 p.m. Friday. While two of the men, dressed in blue coveralls and holding shotguns, guarded the doors, the third suspect, dressed in a dark brown business suit, approached teller Carol Anne deCallies' cage and said "Okay, everyone, this is a holdup!"

MISS deCALLIES told officers the man vaulted over the counter and finding the cash drawer locked, demanded that it be opened. Bank employee John Berry gave the keys to Irene Mumblo, another employee, who opened the drawer for the bandit.

One of the men wearing a fake nose, witnesses said. The bandits warned those in the bank not to follow them as they left the bank.

The vehicle used by the bandits to leave the shopping center parking lot was found a few blocks away on Crenshaw Boulevard within minutes after the robbery. Witnesses told officers the three men left the car there, and fled in a late model convertible with the top down.

A SECOND ALARM was sounded later in the evening when police officers Frank Solis and Robert Such came out of the bank to see a man running through the parking lot with a shotgun in his hands. Solis and Such arrested Larry Lee Greenwalt, 19, an El Camino College student living at 16650 Crenshaw Blvd., on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon after they were told he struck Louie Guy Huff, of Lawndale with the gun during an argument.

Police were told that Huff complained to Greenwalt about the way he had parked his vehicle near the bank. During the

exchange, Greenwalt picked up the shotgun which had been on the back seat of his auto and struck Huff along the side of the head, officers were told.

## Christmas Decorations Contest Set

Residents planning to spruce up their front lawns for Christmas were reminded this week the deadline for entering the Annual Christmas Outdoor Display contest is Dec. 16.

The contest, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be in two divisions this year. One division is open for religious displays, and a novelty division also is open.

Winners in the two divisions will receive a trophy and a color photograph of their displays. The winners will be guests of the Jaycees at dinner on award night.

DISPLAYS WILL be judged Dec. 16 and 17, and awards presented at a dinner meeting of the Jaycees Dec. 19. Entry blanks will be found on page 2 of today's HERALD.

Second place winners in the contest will receive plaques, color photographs, and a dinner as guests of the Jaycees. Awards, normally paid for by the Junior Chamber, were donated by local merchants this year. As a result, the funds formerly budgeted for the contest have been earmarked for the annual "Christmas for the Needy" project of the Jaycees.

Entry blanks should be received before the Dec. 16 judging date. Additional information may be obtained by calling the contest chairman, Mick Bock, at FA 8-6660.

## SPEAKER UNRUH SAYS Schools' Tax Rates Must Be Equalized

The costs of education — which have been a special problem for Torrance taxpayers in recent years — bothers Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, too, he told THE HERALD prior to a reception for him here Thursday evening.

"I certainly will support a program to increase state participation in the costs of educating our children — I'd even mortgage the future," he said. However, he admitted a reluctance to do anything along that line as long as the inequitable school tax rates prevail throughout the various school districts.

UNRUH specifically cited the tax rate of Beverly Hills (less than \$3), Torrance (total about \$4.50) and the Little Lake School District (more than \$6). A countywide equalization of school tax rates could ease the tax burden for many districts now considered poor, he said.

Funds for the state's share would have to come from new sources, and Unruh said he would like to see higher cigarette taxes as one method of raising revenue.

Other possibilities include night harness racing as is now providing New York State with millions in revenue, he said.

what he would do at the next election but indicated his interests were in California, not Washington, D. C. He has indicated that he might not seek re-election to the Assembly, but declined to say whether he might seek the Democratic (Continued on Page 3)

## Otto Willett Elected as Presiding Judge in Area

Judge Otto B. Willett, a former Torrance city attorney and city judge, has been named presiding judge of the South Bay Municipal Court for 1964.

He will take over the position from presiding Judge Donald Armstrong who has been assigned to Division Three in Torrance. In that capacity Judge Armstrong will handle all criminal cases arising in Torrance and from the California Highway Patrol, in addition to civil and small claims cases and other cases assigned to him by the presiding judge.

JUDGE William B. Keene, who has been assigned to the Torrance court is being reassigned to Division One in Redondo Beach. Judge Keene will handle the master civil calendar, traffic court, small claims, and such other matters as may be referred to him by the presiding judge.

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side judge who again will handle the criminal calendar. Judge Willett was elected to office in 1952 and re-elected in 1958. From 1942 he served as Torrance city judge and city attorney and in numerous courts throughout the county on assignment from the chief justice of the State Supreme Court.

HE IS THE father of two sons, Steven J. and William G. Willett. Steve was graduated magna cum laude with Phi

Beta Kappa honors from Occidental College in June and received a special scholarship from Brown University for graduate study. William is a sophomore at Occidental. Judge Willett and his wife, Glenna Rae, reside at 221 Via Las Altos, Redondo Beach. A native of Effingham, Ill., the new presiding judge received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois School of Journalism in 1933 and his LL.B. degree from the USC School of Law in 1936. Admitted to practice same year, Judge Willett associated for several years with his uncle, Oscar L. Lett, and later practiced association with Donald Beck, Torrance attorney



SPEAKER JESSE M. UNRUH Would Like to Help Schools

"I CAN SEE nothing less

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